

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 1 through 27 are pending in the application and the Examiner allowed claims 14-26, but rejected claims 1-13 and 27.

Claim Rejections, 35 U.S.C. §101

At item 1 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-13 and 27 under 35 U.S.C. §101. Claims 1 and 27 have been amended to recite apparatus to perform the claimed method, thereby placing them in allowable form. Accordingly, claim 1 and all claims dependent thereon (claims 2-13) and claim 27 are now in allowable condition.

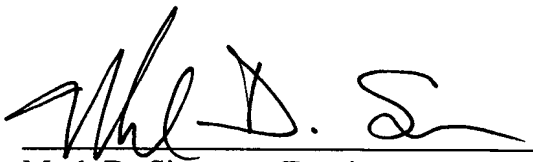
Conclusion

Applicant believes that the current amendment overcomes the Examiner's §101 rejection, and therefore, all claims are now in allowable condition. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection of the claims. An early Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 50-0629.

Respectfully submitted

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